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From: <AIRSPACEDT@aol.com>
To: A16.A16(rm8775)
Date: 4/8/96 1:10pm
Subject: Internet voice

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It is my understanding that this address is designed to accept opinion regarding voice messaging on the Internet. We are an educational non-profit periodical with a global audience, and the development of voice messaging on the Internet promises to provide us with a new way to reach this audience.

At this point, it would seem to us to be ridiculous to attempt to regulate this form of communication. In our experience, the level of messaging right now suggests experimentation more than anything. Please don't hamper progress in this promising new technology.

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From: Paul Dupuis <paul.dupuis@bc.edu>
To: A16.A16(rm8775)
Date: 4/8/96 11:33am
Subject: Do not regulate Internet voice services

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to make known that I am strongly against any form of FCC regulation over Internet services whether they are voice based, video, or data services. Only through open competition between communication providers will the consumer benefit. I urge the FCC not to regulate in any way Internet phone services.

Sincerely,

Paul Dupuis
Assitant Director, Information Technology
Boston College

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From: <fourthworld@earthlink.net>
To: A16.A16(rm8775)
Date: 4/8/96 10:55am
Subject: internet phone services

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It has come to my attention that the telephone companies are unleashing new armies of lobbyists to Capitol Hill to convince our nation's leaders that using the Internet as an alternative to the telephone is somehow wrong and should be stopped.

The common person does not have the resources to provide this sort of lobbying effort. Instead it is hoped that mere reason will suffice with your organization, and hope that it may provide an example for other federal agencies to follow.

History shows repeatedly that democracy is only sustainable when it works in concert with capitalism, and at the heart of capitalism, indeed at the heart of America's unparalleled power in the 20th century, has been that the system rewards and respects innovation.

I'm certain that during the advent of the refrigerator there were many an ice vendor who feared it, and tried to convince our leaders that the widespread use of such technology, however more efficient, would somehow tarnish our culture or cost the consumer more.

Likewise the major telephone companies who fear the Internet do so only to keep their nearly complete ownership of all telecommunications systems in the hands of very few large corporations, at the cost of innovation which would otherwise lead to better service and lower prices for the consumer, and could well foster entirely new industries.

Shouldn't the consumer have a choice?

It is hoped by myself and the other professionals with which I associate that we may one day see a government acting on the will of the silent majority, rather than corporate lobbying interests. The pending review of Internet telephone services is an excellent opportunity for an important federal agency to begin regaining the public trust.

We trust you will recognize it as such as decide appropriately.

Respectfully yours,

- Richard Gaskin

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From: Carlyn Winter <cw055262@sjuphil.sju.edu>
To: A16.A16(rm8775)
Date: 4/8/96 1:14pm
Subject: Internet phone access

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I do not think that is a good idea that internet phone services be regulated, and would recommend that you cease all efforts towards this unfortunate end.

Carlyn E. Winter
St. Joseph's University
Philadelphia, PA

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From: atlas <atlas@paloverde.com>
To: A16.A16(rm8775)
Date: 4/8/96 12:03pm
Subject: RM8775

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I do not think it in the public interest to put restrictions on telephone communication via the Internet. Rather, this would only serve to impede development and expansion of facilities that enable truly world wide communication among almost every strata of society. In this individual's opinion, little revenue, if any, is being lost in overseas or domestic traffic, because, the vast majority of calls are non-essential and certainly at this point, hardly reliable from a technical standpoint. In a way, it appears more like a wired version of amateur radio. Additionally, it appears we are seeing another example of "Big Business" putting pressure on a government agency at the expense of the general public.

As a citizen, I hope the commission will see fit to take a careful look at the long range effects of what this industry backed restriction could do to adversely affect the future of person to person communications.

Sincerely,
Michael Atlas
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From: <FRaab@aol.com>
To: A16.A16(rm8775)
Date: 4/8/96 3:15pm
Subject: Real Time Audio on the Internet

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I am writing to you today to let you know that I oppose the efforts to limit real time audio communications on the Internet. As I understand it, the proposed regulations would not only limit the use of Internet Phone, but other innovative software as CU-See ME (video conferencing with audio), Worlds (simulated 3D environments with audio), POW WOW (ham-radio-like chat channels), as well as numerous educational tele-teaching projects.

The entire point of the Internet is personal communications. And voice is one of the best ways to communicate.

Using the Internet as a replacement for the telephone is a joke. The quality is poor and the system is unreliable. However, it does allow for the wonderful communications that occurs via ham radio.

It would be sad to limit the use of real time audio on the Net just because some phone companies think they may lose some money on a few long distance calls.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Fredric J. Raab
Cambridge, MA <http://www.tiac.net/users/fraab>

CC: FCCMAIL.SMTP("WRichmond@aol.com", "fraab@tiac.net", ...)

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From: Mark Morris <Mark.Morris@natinst.com>
To: A16.A16(rm8775)
Date: 4/8/96 5:19pm
Subject: Regulations

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Dear FCC,

Please do not give in to the phone companies cries regarding internet phone services. Although I have never used such a service, I think the continuing development type of technology will only benefit the consumer in many ways. First, we will get a cheaper long distance alternative. Second, we will benefit from the spin off technology from the development of these services.

Thanks,
Mark W. Morris
Angie L. Morris

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From: <pbullock@atlantis.org>
To: A17.A17(kwerbach)
Date: 4/6/96 6:38pm
Subject: ACTA petition to stop internet telephony software

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Is ACTA trying to hold a monopoly by pressuring small companies out of business? There are laws against that, obviously. People who use internet telephony software have to pay very high fees that regular people don't have to AND they cannot talk to people at leisure (the other person has to be online) and they cannot talk to people that they know that don't have software and hardware. Bottom lining it, it is a major burden in terms of time to connect, cost associated with hardware (computers aren't cheap), cost associated with software, cost associated with internet connectivity (which have been going up), and lack of privacy since regular telephone lines are not easily eavesdropped on. The telephony software is also a WHOLE different ball game than having long distance phone service. I, personally, am very tired of the United States going BACKWARDS in terms of technology; let's be proud of what we can accomplish and use it to make our lives more productive and useful. I don't think any of us want to be "hunter and gatherers". Let's forge ahead, not back. I appreciate your time and am looking forward to your return reply.

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From: Jon Wiederspan <jon@comvista.com>
To: A16.A16(rm8775)
Date: 4/8/96 1:29pm
Subject: Internet Phones - YES

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I am opposed to any attempts by telecommunications companies to prevent Internet users from using "internet phone" software. In my opinion, this is akin to those companies dictating that no new communications methods will be allowed to be developed except by them, which stifles our entire country since communications are critical to the operation of any business.

As an Internet user (and developer), I currently pay for my Internet connection, telecommunications charges, connection charges and more. In other words, the communications companies are already making money off of the Internet. If they cannot figure out a way to compete in the new market without suppressing it, then they should be allowed to flounder and possibly fail while new companies that understand and exploit the market appear and grow. That is the nature of progression that we have seen time and again in the past (where are all of those ice-making companies now that refrigeration is available?) and it should be allowed to happen again.

Jon Wiederspan
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From: Darian Russell <Darian.Russell@natinst.com>
To: A16.A16(rm8775)
Date: 4/8/96 1:17pm
Subject: Internet phone business

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I understand that we can send our options to this address about the internet phone business. I personally am looking forward to using this in the future. This communication method will be able to help my business in the future. I am working on starting a business where training of Operating systems is the service and it would be a great tool to use for the future. Please consider my option. Thanks,
Darian Russell

"This option is that of Darian Russell's and not specifically of National Instruments."

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